

DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. This action is in response to a decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences filed on July 23, 2009.

- Claims 1-32 are pending.
- Claim 25 has been cancelled.
- Claims 12-24, 26-29 and 31-32 are allowed.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Mollon on August 19, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 1-11 and claim 30 have been canceled.

Claim 12 has been amended as follows:

Lines 15-16 shall read---if the second determination is that the balance of the prepaid account does not meet the second threshold, then redirecting the traffic from the subscriber terminal to a self-service portal.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: see Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision filed on July 23, 2009.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHAHID R. MERCHANT whose telephone number is (571)270-1360. The examiner can normally be reached on First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz P. Abdi can be reached on 571-272-6702. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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